

Chattanooga, Tenn -

Feb 18th 12³⁰ Midnight -

W^m. M. Canby:-

Dear Friend:-

Our dear little Ronita died last night at 7³⁰ p.m. of water on the Brain - She will be buried to-morrow p.m. - (You & your sister & Mrs. Canby were so good and interested in her baby-hood on the high Mountain that we feel like telling you among the first of our great grief. She has been so much better of late that we were very hopeful. She has been so bright and laughed & cried so much & we were very happy in her. Our hearts are nearly broken; my poor wife is truly desolate - Our only consolation is that our loss

is her gain & that she is our baby
still in Heaven and well & strong &
free from pain. We are watching
with our dead. One of my assistant
teachers is keeping watch with us.

Baby was so well at 2 P.M. and
nursed so freely and with such satisfac-
tion. At 3 she was taken with vomiting
and never rallied - She did not
hoarse and never had convulsions.
She passed away so easily that we
could not believe that she was dead.
'Tis hard to give her up -

We are most sincerely

Your friends

Mary B. & L. B. Searle -